

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 3000 - HB 3424

February 11, 2010

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes a standard of reasonable effort for the Department of Children's Services (DCS) for the purposes of terminating parental rights. DCS efforts to assist a parent or guardian in establishing a suitable home for the child shall always be considered reasonable if such efforts exceed the efforts of the parent or guardian toward that same goal, when the parent or guardian is aware that the child is in state custody.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

Assumption:

- According to DCS, the creation of this standard will have no fiscal impact on state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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